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1. SOVIETS WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE REVISED PROGRAM FOR BLUM VISIT AS PROMISED ON JUNE 26 DUE TO ABSENCE OF IZRAEL' FROM MOSCOW. HOWEVER, KAZAKOV OF HYDROMET PROMISED TO PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH REVISED PROGRAM LATER THIS WEEK. EMBOFF PASSED ALONG SUGGESTION IN REF TELCON THAT IN VIEW OF BLUM'S EARLY DEPARTURE THE VISIT TO ZAGORSK BE CANCELLED AND THE BLUM PARTY DEPART FOR LENINGRAD A DAY EARLY, I.E., ON JULY 11. KAZAKOV PROMISED TO TRY; HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT IT MIGHT BE DIFFICULT TO CHANGE HOTEL RESERVATIONS IN LENINGRAD DUE TO LARGE NUMBER OF TOURISTS THERE.

2. IN ANY CASE, KAZAKOV INDICATED THAT SOVIETS PLAN TO RETURN BLUM TO MOSCOW FROM LENINGRAD VIA OVERNIGHT TRAIN WHICH WILL ARRIVE IN MOSCOW ON JULY 14 AT 0710.
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SOVIETS STATE THAT ARRIVAL AT THIS TIME WILL ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME TO MAKE BLUM'S PLANNED 0935 DEPARTURE FROM SHERMET'YEVO.

3. SOVIETS ASSUME THAT SHOSTAL AND POPKIN PLAN TO RETURN TO MOSCOW WITH BLUM. SOVIETS REQUEST ASAP INFORMATION ABOUT POPKIN DEPARTURE PLANS.

4. FOR CULTURAL PROGRAM EVENING JULY 11 SOVIETS WILL ATTEMPT TO SCHEDULE A BALLET, CONCERT, OR THE CIRCUS IN THAT ORDER OF PRIORITY. HOWEVER, KAZAKOV NOTED THAT ONLY BALLET GROUP IN TOWN JULY 11 MAY BE THE BASHKIR NATIONAL COMPANY. TOON

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